low rate of capital formation are the major causes of industrial backwardness in the state of Meghalaya; and

(b) If so, the steps taken, so far, by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes Sir, the factors listed are among the major causes for industrial backwardness of Meghalaya.

(b) The development of infrastructure and industries in the States is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government has also taken up a number of schemes to supplement the efforts of the States inculding Meghalaya in this regard. These schemes include Growth Centres Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme and Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres Scheme. Besides, a New Industrial Policy was announced by the Central Government in December, 1997 for speedy development of industries in the North East States including Meghalaya.

Fund Allocated to Hill Autonomous Councils in Assam

2424. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the fund allocated to the North Cachar Hills and Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council from Non-lapsable central pool fund under the various projects during the last three years and including current financial year (1999-2000);

(b) the details of the actual amount released to the council during this period; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated and actually released to the State of Assam under various projects from the Non-lapsable pool during last three years and till date?

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GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) As per the recommendations of the Committee to administer the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources, which become operational in 1998-99; the following projects/schemes have been supported for assistance during 1998-99, 1999-2000 from the non-lapsable central pool of resources for the State of Assam including projects/schemes in North Cachar Hills and Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council:

	Project Description	Fund released (Rs. Crore)	
		1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshtra Project	4.85	—
2.	Diguncherra to Airport Road	0.25	—
3.	220KV/DC Kathalguri- Tinsukia Line (30KMs)	2.00	—
4.	Namrup Sub-Station 250 MVA, 220/132KV	2.50	—
5.	Tinsukia Sub-Station 250 MVA, 220/132 KV	3.00	—
6.	Minor Irrigation Schemes	11.21	5.00
7.	Flood control management scheme different locations of Brahmaputra and Barak Valley (25Nos.)	5.00	5.00
8.	Upgradation of Guwahati Medical College	—	8.00
9.	Project to bridge the infrastructure gaps in forestry Sector (including Preparation of Working Palns)	—	10.00
10.	Road Schemes for N.C. Hill Autononomous Council, Haflong.	—	5.00
11.	Installation of One lakh Shallow Tube wells	—	11.00
12.	Creation of new infrastructure at Cotton College	—	3.00
13.	Sankaradev Netralaya	—	1.00
14.	I.I.T., Guwahati	—	64.00
15.	Tezpur University	—	10.00
16.	Assam University	—	10.00
17.	Diphu Campus of Assam University	—	3.00
18.	Centre for Plasma Physics, Guwahati	—	1.51